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ses incurred, it would be easy to show that the former, consisting in the developement of new sources of wealth, and in the more judicious employment of those already known, infinitely surpasses in value the cost of the survey, so far as it has progressed; and that which is likely to accrue in prosecuting it to its completion.

In the face of these considerations, the committee cannot see the propriety of reporting a bill "to abolish the office of State Geologist," the passage of which would not only be injurious to the best interests of the people, but would have a tendency to discredit the labors of the officer, as well as the character of an enterprize that has gained much credit to our State; and has set an example which other States are, at this very moment, pursuing with the most commendable zeal and energy.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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